

Alaska, and Sidney R. Thomas, Billings, Montana, each a Circuit Judge, and Mary M. Schroeder, Chief Judge, Phoenix, Arizona, all of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; and District Judge John M. Roll, United States District Court for the District of Arizona, Tucson; and Chief Judge Emeritus Marilyn L. Huff, United States District

Court for the Southern District of California, San Diego.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 4144–4154; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 275–279; and H. Res. 511–518 were introduced. **Pages H9275–76**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9276–77**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, (H. Rept. 109–255). **Page H9275**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Michigan to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9105**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Mark Vander Meer, Pastor, Monocacy Valley Church, Ijamsville, Maryland. **Page H9105**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 349 yeas to 62 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 540. **Pages H9105, H9126**

Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2006—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 2419, to make appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. **Page H9110**

Appointed as conferees: Representatives Messrs. Hobson, Frelinghuysen, Latham, Wamp, Mrs. Emerson, Messrs. Doolittle, Simpson, Rehberg, Lewis of California, Visclosky, Edwards, Pastor, Clyburn, Berry, and Obey. **Page H9110**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, Thursday, October 27th:

Hurricane Katrina Financial Services Relief Act of 2005: H.R. 3945, amended, to facilitate recovery from the effects of Hurricane Katrina by providing greater flexibility for, and temporary waivers of certain requirements and fees imposed on, depository institutions and Federal regulatory agencies; and **Page H9196**

Congratulating the State of Israel on the election of Ambassador Dan Gillerman as Vice-President of the 60th United Nations General Assembly: H. Res. 368, to congratulate the State of Israel on the election of Ambassador Dan Gillerman as Vice-President of the 60th United Nations General Assembly. **Pages H9202–04**

Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 1461, to reform the regulation of certain housing-related Government-sponsored enterprises, after adopting the amendment in the nature of a substitute, by a recorded vote of 331 ayes to 90 noes, Roll No. 547. **Pages H9110–23, H9125–88, H9189–96**

Rejected the Frank motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 546. **Pages H9192–95**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages H9110–11, H9141–78**

Agreed to:

Carson amendment (no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–254) that permits personal property loans secured by manufactured housing to be considered in determining whether a GSE has met its duty to serve underserved markets. The amendment permits manufactured homes that have not been attached to

ground owned by a manufactured home owner to count towards this goal; **Page H9178**

Davis of Alabama amendment (no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–254) which clarifies the definition of “rural” to make it consistent with the same definition in the Housing Act of 1949. The amendment retains “micro-politian area” and “tribal trust lands” as part of the definition; **Pages H9178–79**

Oxley Manager’s amendment (no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–254) that makes a number of technical and conforming changes to the affordable housing role of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The amendment also clarifies that federally recognized tribes and Alaskan Native villages qualify for funding under the Affordable Housing Fund established by the bill, (by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 541); **Pages H9180–81**

Sanchez, Loretta, of California amendment (no. 8 printed in H. Rept. 109–254) that adds “alternative credit scoring” as an additional element to the Annual Housing Report Regarding Regulated Entities; and **Page H9188**

Kanjorski amendment (no. 9 printed in H. Rept. 109–254) that restores Presidential appointees on the boards of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and by retaining the regulatory appointees on the boards of the Federal Home Loan Banks. Makes modifications to the boards of the Federal Home Loan Banks related to the number of regulatory appointees, the expertise of appointees in community and economic development, and the allowable continued service of appointees after the expiration of their terms. **Pages H9189–90**

Rejected:

Leach amendment (no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–254) which sought to give the newly created regulator (FHFA) greater authority to impose capital strictures on GSEs, (by a recorded vote of 36 ayes to 378 noes, Roll No. 542); **Pages H9179–80, H9181–82**

Royce amendment (no. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–254) which sought to authorize the regulator to require one or both of the enterprises to dispose or acquire assets or liabilities if the regulator deems those assets or liabilities to be a potential systemic risk to the housing market, the capital markets, or the financial system, (by a recorded vote of 73 ayes to 346 noes, Roll No. 543); **Pages H9182–84, H9190–91**

Paul amendment (no. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–254) which sought to eliminate the ability of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, to borrow from the Treasury, (by a recorded vote of 47 ayes to 371 noes, Roll No. 544); and **Pages H9184–85, H9191**

Garrett amendment (no. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–254) which sought to strike the language in the

bill that raises the Conforming Loan Limit, (by a recorded vote of 57 ayes to 358 noes, Roll No. 545). **Pages H9185–88, H9191–92**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H9196**

H. Res. 509, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 539, after agreeing to order the previous question by voice vote. **Pages H9125–26**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Blunt wherein he resigned from the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H9188**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 513 electing Representative Barrett to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H9189**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of all contact lenses as medical devices: S. 172, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of all contact lenses as medical devices—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H9196–98**

Designating the Federal building located at 333 Mt. Elliott Street in Detroit, Michigan, as the “Rosa Parks Federal Building”: H.R. 2967, to designate the Federal building located at 333 Mt. Elliott Street in Detroit, Michigan, as the “Rosa Parks Federal Building”; and **Pages H9198–H9202**

Iran Nonproliferation Amendments Act of 2005: S. 1713, amended, to make amendments to the Iran Nonproliferation Act of 2000 related to International Space Station payments. **Pages H9240–46**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “An Act to make amendments to the Iran Nonproliferation Act of 2000 related to International Space Station payments, and for other purposes.”. **Page H9246**

Enrollment of H.R. 3765: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 276, requesting the President to return to the House of Representatives the enrollment of H.R. 3765 so that the Clerk of the House may reenroll the bill in accordance with the action of the two Houses. **Page H9198**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9123.

Senate Referrals: S. 443 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H9273**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes, and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9125–26, H9126, H9181, H9181–82, H9190, H9191, H9191–92, H9195, H9196. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:16 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISSISSIPPI RIVER AGRICULTURAL TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the current impact of Mississippi River transportation on agricultural markets. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary (Civil Works); and MG Don T. Riley, USA, Director, Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Floyd Gaibler, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

REGIONAL POWERS' MILITARY CAPABILITIES AND THREATS TO U.S. INTERESTS

Committee on Armed Services: Regional Powers Panel held a hearing on an overview of regional powers' military capabilities and threats to U.S. interests. Testimony was heard from James R. Lilley, former Ambassador to the People's Republic of China and to the Republic of Korea; and a public witness.

RADICAL ISLAMIC TERRORIST THREAT

Committee on Armed Services: Terrorism and Radical Islam Gap Panel held a hearing on responding to the radical Islamic terrorist threat—the Department of Defense's roles, missions, and capabilities in the Global War on Terrorism. Testimony was heard from MG Robert H. Scales, Jr., USA, (ret.), former Commandant, U.S. Army War College; and a public witness.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Approved, as amended, amendments to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA); and amendments to the Higher Education Act to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget in compliance with the reconciliation directive included in section 201(a) of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006.

Will continue tomorrow.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Approved, as amended, reconciliation recommendations for Title I,

Digital Television Transition Act of 2005, for transmission to the Committee on the Budget in compliance with the reconciliation directive included in section 201(a) of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006.

Will continue tomorrow.

FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY DISPOSAL PILOT PROGRAM AND MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3134, Federal Real Property Disposal Pilot Program and Management Improvement Act of 2005.

RESOLUTION—DIRECTING CERTAIN INFORMATION BE PROVIDED RELATING TO REAPPORTIONMENT OF AIRPORT SCREENERS

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered unfavorably reported H. Res. 463, Of inquiry directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide certain information to the House of Representatives relating to the reapportionment of airport screeners.

ENSURING OPERABILITY DURING CATASTROPHIC EVENTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology held a hearing entitled "Ensuring Operability During Catastrophic Events." Testimony was heard from Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: David Boyd, Director, SAFECOM, Office of Interoperability and Communications; and Peter Fonash, Deputy Manager, National Communications System; Ken Moran, Director, Office of Homeland Security, Enforcement Bureau, FCC; and Linton Wells, Acting Assistant Secretary, Networks and Information, Integration and Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense.

U.S.-INDIA GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the U.S.-India Global Partnership: The Impact of Nonproliferation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Resources: Approved reconciliation recommendations for transition to the Committee on the Budget in compliance with the reconciliation directive included in section 201(a) of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006.